

**PATENT** 

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to a Non-Final Office action dated January 9, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 9, 2004. A Petition for a one month Extension of Time is being submitted herewith to extend the time period for responding to May 9, 2004. As May 9, 2004 falls on a Sunday, the time period for responding is extended to May 10, 2004.

In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested.

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